(a) whether some scheduled castes people of Tamil Nadu are living in certain areas of Mumbai;

(b) whether they are applying for community certificate and R.D.O. and Corporation authorities are not issuing community certificate to these S.C. people;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any proposal from Tamil Nadu Government to Maharashtra Government for issuing the certificates; and

(e) the steps taken by Central Government for issuing community certificates for Tamil Nadu people living in Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) (a) to (e) The information is being collected.

Hostels for ST Boys and Girls in Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu

3951. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels for scheduled tribes boys and girls in Kanyakumari district;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Tamil Nadu for providing hostel facilities to scheduled tribes boys and girls in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Two girls hostels have been sanctioned for district Kanyakumari.

(b) The entire proposal received from the State of Tamil Nadu in respect of three boys' hostels and one girls' hostel for scheduled tribes have been sanctioned during 1996-97.

(c) Does not arise.

NGO's Registered with the Welfare Ministry

3952. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs registered with the Welfare Ministry;

(b) the total grants made to such NGOs in 1995-96;

(c) whether there is a proposal to increase funds to NGOs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) Registration of NGOs is not done by the Ministry of Welfare. The Ministry, however, has released Rs. 67.52 crores to 1701 NGOs during 1995-96.

(c) and (d) There is a significant increase in the allocation of funds to the NGO's for the year 1997-98. A statement indicating allotments for the year 1996-97 and 1997-98 is enclosed.

Features of Ambedkar Gram Scheme

3953. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of Ambedkar Gram Scheme; and

Statement

Allocation of funds for NGO's

Rs. in crores

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Budget 1996-97	Allocations 1997-98
1.	Aid to Vountary Organisations for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes	20.00	20.00
2.	Aid to Voluntary Organisation for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes	05.00	10.00
3.	Scheme for the Welfare of Street Children	04.50	06.00
4.	Scheme for the Welfare of Aged	07.00	12.50
5.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations providing Social Defence Services.	00.38	00.38